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Againſt the VVelſh Forces

UNDER

*Major Generall Langhorn.*

Expreſſed in a Letter from Colonel *Okey* to a Friend of his in LONDON.

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UNDER THE

Command of His Grace

THE

Duke of Marlborough,

Over the

French Army

Commanded by the

Elector of Bavaria,

AND

Monsieur Overkirk,

Near the Village of

BLENHEIM,

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# A True and particular relation of the late victory obtained by Colonel *Horton* and Col: *Okey* against the *Welch* Forces under Major Generall *LANGHORN*.

SIR,

HITHRTO, till this day I could not give you a good accompt of our VVelch Expedition, wee have had so many obstructions through unseasonable weather, rugged wayes, want of necessaries, and other inconveniencies, that wee may well say these things; *Except the Lord had beene with us, they had swallowed us up quick.* But b sides this wee had attending on us a numerous Armie before us, and behind us a great party. VVee divers wayes sought an opportunity to fight with them, which till this instant wee could never doe, they before taking alwayes the advantage of their VVelch wayes, hills, and Rivers.

This posture they continued in, till divers of our Souldiers were wearied out, and both Foot and Horse so far spent, as the Enemie himself knew his great advantage over us: and out of that consideration, having mightily encreased his Armie, and wee through all these inconveniences some-what decreased ours, hee upon the eighth of this instant about 8. of the clocke in the forenoone proffered us the Battle. VVee seeing his number, & he being upon us before we were well aware of him, quitted our present station, which was at Saint *Fagons*, the Enemie drew into the place of our Guards: but wee being very loth to retreat, upon a little hill neere Saint *Fagons*, made good our ground, drew up our Armie, faced the Enemie, a for-lorne Hope of Horse and Dragoons were drawne up under the command of Lieutenant *Godfrey*: And another forlorne Hope of Foot under the command of a Lieutenant of Foote. Next them marched 160. fire-lockes under the command of Captaine *Garland*. In the right wing marched Colonel *Okey* with three troops of horse and three troopes of Dragoones. In the Body marched Colonell *Horton* Commander in chiefe. In the left Flanke marched the Horse under the command of Major *Barton*, with some Dragoones. The body being thus drawne up, our forlorne hope of Horse advanced and fell immediately into a ground where 100. of the Enemies Foote with some Horse lined the hedges, Lieutenant *Godfrey* with a forlorne hope of Horse immediately charged them, routed them, and killed some of them. Colonell *Okey* upon this taking the advantage of the Enemies running, commanded presently Captaine *Garland* with the fire-locks, Captain *Mer-*

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cer with a commanded party of Dragoones and some Horſe to ſecond the forlorne Hope. Theſe falling on into another ground where the Enemie was a lining the hedges, drave them from hedge to hedge and purſued them. The Enemie in this retreat having ſo many reſerves of Foote at every hedge, hee makes a ſtay with a new party: Still Colonell *Orey* commanded the party both of Fire-locks, Dragoons and Horſe to advance; The Enemie having a numerous Armie of Foote, ſtill ever and anon ſends freſh reſerves: but at the end hee was beate by this party of Foote and Horſe to a water, and from thence over a River, where againe hee made good his ground. There the diſpute laſted a long while, till our body of Horſe and Foote advanced, where the Horſe with the Foote making way, and charging with the Foot upon their Muſqueteers, through the goodneſſe of God after an hours diſpute they were put to the rout. Wee purſued, tooke divers priſoners, the number as yet unknowne, and the quality; we heare of ſome men of quality both killed and taken; this for preſent in briefe. Wee can give you an accompt that there were farre more priſoners taken than the number of our Armie was: ſo that wee can well ſay, *God hath done great things for us* in mightily ſtirring up the ſpirits of Officers and Souldiers ſo as couragiouſly each one in his place in this buſineſſe doing his part. Wee can truly ſay that this was the hand of God, wee being but a handfull in compariſon to their great Armie, which might have been a ſufficient motive to have cauſed us to have refuſed to fight; Yet the conſideratiõ of the great diſadvantage the Retreat would

would have beene to us in our future proceedings. These were motives notwithstanding all the former difficulties, to induce us to fight, where through the Lord we had an answerable succes; in which let the glory be given to God, and not to man. Our victory being an absolute rout of them, with very little losse to our selves, some few by-men we had killed; the smalnesse of the number causing great admiration both to us and the Enemie; divers of the Enemie were killed, forty to one, and about 2500. taken. The chiefe of them that we can heare of was Major-Generall *Stradling*, but none of our party either killed or wounded. Captaine *Nicholets* and Cornet *Okey* were both shot through their hats, but free from any other hurt; there have been a few men of my troope killed, and some hurt, but not many. For which and all other mercies I desire God may have the glory: by the next Post you shall hear more. This being done in hast in the field; in the mean time I referre you to Captaine *Mercer*, who can fully resolve you. No more for present; I take my leave, and remain

Your servant to command,

From the field by St. *Fagons* this 8. of *May*, 1648.

*John Okey.*

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